

Rec^d April 12th

Ans June 3^d

Reynolds

St. Augustine. Fla
April 4. 1873

Mr. G. Englemann.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of
March 12. was received in due time
and had I not been very busy, it
should have been answered before this.
I was much interested in your
inquiries and descriptions concern-
ing the *Tuccas*. I have never studied
them in particular, but unless we
go North soon, I shall take pleasure
in doing so in the future.

A plant of *T. filamentosa* I think, is now
shooting up its blossom stalk in our
garden. But I judge from your
letter that you are especially inter-
ested in *T. gloriosa*. I shall be on the



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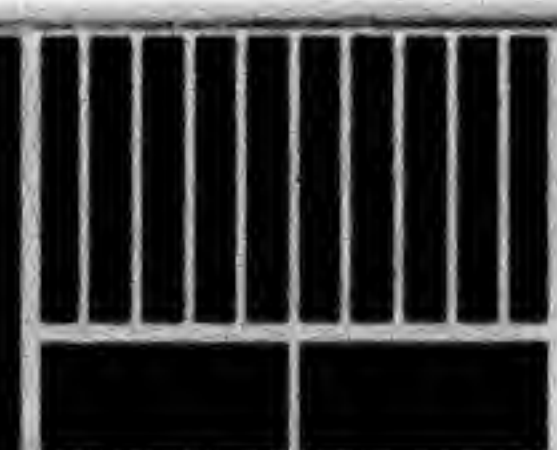
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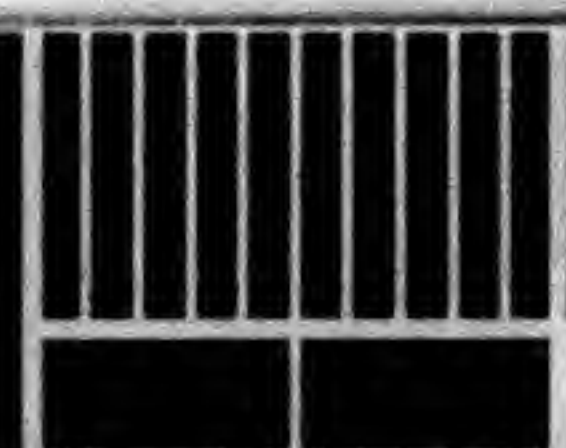
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watch for any information I can
get, and if I go north before the
blossoming and fruiting season,
I will try to put you in the way
to obtain the desired knowledge from
some one else.

I think the Yuccas generally
bloom in May with us,
I shall write you again soon, and
hope to be able to tell you something
of interest about your pets.

Please excuse this hastily written
letter, and believe that I shall
be glad to aid you in any way
I can.

Your botanical friend
Mary E. Reynolds.



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Pier² July 30^h
Am same day

Pittsfield. Mass.

July 26. 1873.

Dr. G. Englemann.

Sir-

I fear you will think that I am not intending to answer your note, but perhaps the date of my letter will partly explain.

I left St. Augustine on the third of this month, and having been visiting among my friends, have had but little time to write letters.

I made a good many inquiries about the Yuccas while at home. The plants were then in bloom, in their prime I believe. There were a good many in bloom as early as the middle of May. I did not have time to go myself, so I could not find out



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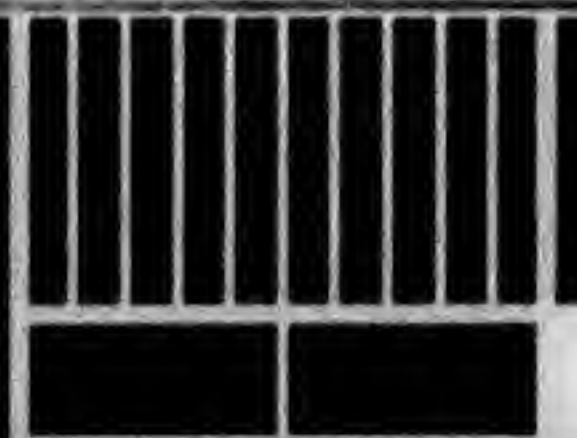
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from my own observation about the character of the fruit. But I inquired of a gardener, whom I knew, had had considerable experience with the Yuccas. I satisfied myself that *Y. gloriosa* or "Spanish bayonet" as we call it, has a pulpy fruit about the size of a plum.

I sent you a collar-top containing three or four single blossoms and two or three leaves. Did you receive it? My father promised to send you some of the ~~fruit~~ fruit after I came away. As I have not heard from him, I do not know whether you have had any yet, or not.

You may feel that the leaves are very ^{and strongly} sharply pointed.

Mr. Williams, the gardener I spoke of, says that he has frequently seen *Y. gloriosa* 12 or 15 feet high, and farther down the Florida coast, near the Matanzas river I think, they form a thicket under which the bears have paths, and it is there that the



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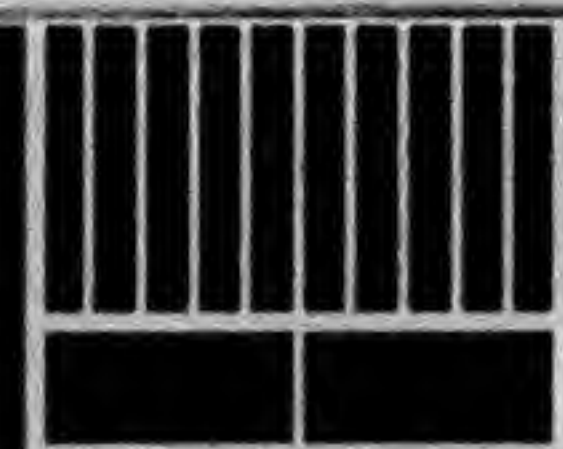


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hunters go for them. The plants seem to belong to the sea-beach, and the islands; a few dozen plants are in gardens in St. A., but they are used as hedges and I presume were transplanted from the beach. Mr. W. tells me that *G. aloifolia* is not a native of Florida; he has not seen the plant there.

He has three or four varieties of *Guccas* in his garden, but whether they are distinct species or only varieties, he has not yet decided. One plant grows just like the *gloriosa* except that the top leaves are very long and hang gracefully over; making a very pretty plant.

If your residence had been in New York city instead of St. Louis, I might have brought the whole pyramid of blossoms and some leaves of *G. gloriosa*. We consulted about sending you one by express, and concluded that you would not probably gain enough to pay for the



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expense -

While in New York I went with Mr. H. M. H.
Leggett and Miss Dr. Putnam up to the Columbia
College, and spent a very pleasant morning.
I had a very pleasant chat with Miss Margaret
Torrey.

You very kindly spoke of sending me
your publication on Yuccas. I should like
very much to read it, and will be much
obliged if you will send it to my address
care of Mr. Horatio Lockwood, Hunter, Greene Co
N. Y.

I hope I have been able to help you some-
what in your study of the Yuccas, and
if there is anything else that I can do
when I return to St. A. in the fall
probably in October, I shall be happy to do it.

Your friend,
Mary E. Reynolds,

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Oct. 16. 1873.

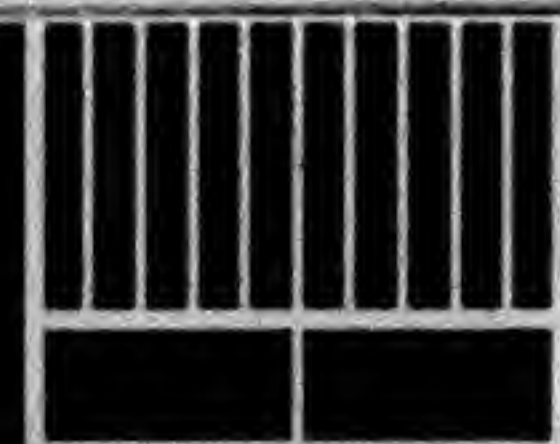
Dr. Englemann.

Sir,

Yours of July 30.

has just come to hand this week.

I am sorry that my efforts to please and help you were not more successful; and I do not understand how the flowers could have come in the "putrid" "rotten" and "offensive" state that you describe.



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After my return South, probably within the next
two months, I may possibly have a little leisure
time to use in making the investigations you

speak of -

Hastily,

Wm. L. Reynolds.



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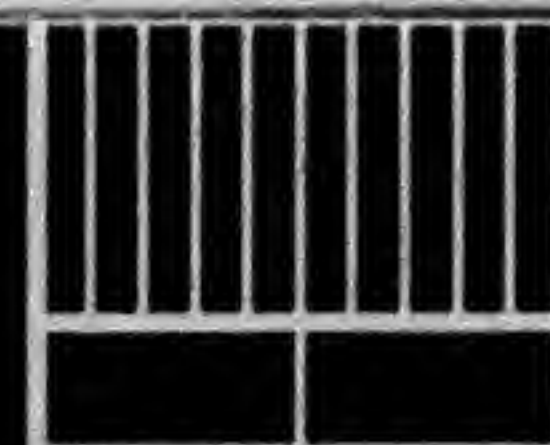


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My enquiries were made at a time
when I was very much pressed,
and exceedingly busy with my
preparations for coming forth.

A friend gathered for me the
blossoms that I sent you, as I had
no time to go for them myself.

The information I attempted
to send you, I took a good
deal of pains to obtain from
a gardener living out of town,
whose knowledge I supposed
would be correct.



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